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SUBJECT: UNCTAD IV AND GROUP OF 77

1. ON SUNDAY NIGHT, APRIL 25, I SPENT ABOUT THREE HOURS WITH EMILE VAN LENNEP OF THE OECD, HAL MALMGREN, AND ROGER HANSEN AT JIM GRANT'S HOUSE. WE WERE DISCUSSING UNCTAD AND THE UPCOMING OECD MINISTERIAL. A NUMBER OF GOOD IDEAS CAME UP AT THAT MEETING AND A SUBSEQUENT LARGER MEETING AT THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ON MONDAY MORNING, THE 26TH. I WILL REPORT TO YOU ON THESE IDEAS IN A SEPARATE CABLE.

2. IN THIS CABLE I WOULD LIKE TO RELAY TO YOU A SPECIFIC SUGGESTION ABOUT UNCTAD MADE BY HAL MALMGREN. HAL RECENTLY HAD LUNCH WITH ABEL GARRIDO, THE CHIEF TRADE NEGOTIATOR FOR THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. GARRIDO WAS CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF THE FIVE COMMITTEES OF THE GROUP OF 77 IN MANILA AND MAY VERY WELL BE ONE OF THE CRITICAL PEOPLE IN

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THE GROUP OF 77 DURING THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING RESOLUTIONS

AT THE UNCTAD MEETING. MALMGREN SUGGESTED THAT IF WE ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN NAIROBI, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY THE SEVERAL KEY LEADERS AMONG THE GROUP OF 77 WHO ARE LIKELY TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE DURING THE UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS. MALMGREN FELT THAT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH GAMANI COREA AND PEREZ-GUERRERO, PARTLY BECAUSE THERE ARE LIMITATIONS TO THEIR PERSONAL INFLUENCE AMONG THE GROUP OF 77 AND PARTLY BECAUSE THE PROCESS OF RESOLUTIONS DRAFTING WILL BE DISPERSED AMONG FIVE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES.

3. MALMGREN WILL BE IN NAIROBI FROM APRIL 28 TO THE 7TH OF MAY, THEREFORE OVERLAPPING WITH YOUR VISIT THERE. HE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHOM ARE LIKELY TO BE THE KEY LDC LEADERS IN NAIROBI. MALMGREN WILL TRY TO CONTACT YOU WHILE YOU ARE THERE TO RELAY WHATEVER INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE. I THINK THAT YOU OR PAUL BOEKER MAY WANT TO MAKE SOME INITIAL CONTACT WITH THESE KEY PEOPLE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE DURING THE UNCTAD CONFERENCE. SISCO

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